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(*b*) whether it is a fact that Dr. Theyyunni Menon has been ordered to be transferred from Anantapur to Mangalore within about a year of his stay in Anantapur and whether prior to his transfer to Anantapur he was for a long time in Tellicherry;

(*c*) what is the total travelling allowance and other allowances involved in these two transfers; and

(*d*) what is the necessity for such short transfers?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The amount of travelling and other allowances drawn by M.R.Ry. R. Ganapathi Ayyar Avargal, L.M.S., is Rs. 231-10-0. No allowance was drawn by M.R.Ry. K. G. Theyyunni Menon Avargal, L.M.S.

(*d*) M.R.Ry. R. Ganapathi Ayyar Avargal, L.M.S., was transferred as Lieut. T. J. Gibson, I.M.D., Resident Medical Officer, General Hospital, Madras, applied for a transfer to a district charge and the latter was considered more suitable for such a charge than for the appointment of Resident Medical Officer. M.R.Ry. K. G. Theyyunni Menon Avargal, L.M.S., was transferred as he applied for a transfer to the West Coast and he was willing to forego travelling allowance for the transfer.

Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT:—" May I know whether it is not a fact that Dr. Theyyunni Menon was in Tellicherry till the end of last year? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU:—" Notice, Sir."

Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT:—" My question in clause (*b*) is: whether it is a fact that Dr. Theyyunni Menon has been ordered to be transferred from Anantapur to Mangalore within about a year of his stay in Anantapur and whether prior to his transfer to Anantapur he was for a long time in Tellicherry. That question has not been answered? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU:—" The answer is there, Sir, ' Yes '."

Alleged misconduct of Dr. Oomen.

* 143 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the enquiry held by Major Bal into the allegations of misconduct on the part of Dr. Oomen has been completed; if so, whether the hon. Minister will be pleased to place a copy of the report of the investigating officer on the table of the House; and

(*b*) what action the Government have taken on the same?

A.—(*a*) Yes. The report is treated as confidential and cannot therefore be placed on the table.

(*b*) It is under the consideration of the Government.

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Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—"May I know whether the allegations have been found to be well-founded?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu:—"The report about the allegations is being considered, Sir."

Electricity

Estimate for supplying electric lights to Mettupalaiyam and Karamadai.

* 144 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the cost of supplying electric lights to Mettupalaiyam and Karamadai in Coimbatore district has been estimated;

(*b*) whether the works have been given on contract to anybody and if so, to whom; and

(*c*) whether tenders had been called for and if not, what the reasons are for such a procedure?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Part of the work amounting to Rs. 56,000 has been given on contract to the General Electric Company who are also contractors for the Coimbatore Distribution Works.

(*c*) No. This was considered as a supplementary work to the main work in and round Coimbatore and the economical procedure in such cases is to give the work to the main contractors at contract rates less a percentage rebate to make up for their savings in overhead charges. This has been done in this case.

Mr. A. B. Shetty:—"May I know whether it is not a fact that in the case of the Coimbatore Distribution Works, the cost is met by the municipality, whereas in the case of Mettupalaiyam and Karamadai, the cost is borne by the Government?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—"My hon. Friend's information is not correct. The Government do the work within the municipal limits as the agents of the municipality."

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—"With reference to the answer to clause (*c*), may I ask what the Government means when saying that the work in Mettupalaiyam and Karamadi is supplementary?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—"The main works are in Coimbatore, and Mettupalaiyam and Karamadai are connected with that main work."

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—"Am I to understand that it is part of the same scheme?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—"Only the main work is in the Coimbatore town and the other work is in a rural area."